21:25 on Thursday night, who said that he heard shots being fired around Slovo squatter camp. I, myself, could actually hear sounds like shots over the telephone. He said that there were no police trying to stop the shooting and that the people who were doing the shooting were protected by a Casspir.

- I telephoned Col. Gouws at 21:24 (real time). He paged me back at 21:39 (pager time). I told him what Ezekiel had informed me and he asked if I knew from which direction the attack was coming from. He said that he would take the necessary steps. He also asked if any deaths or injuries had been reported. I told him none had been reported to me.
- 18 At 00:25 on Friday morning, I phoned Ezekiel. He told me that the SAP had come in and that all was quiet again and in order.
- 19 On Friday morning at 08:39 Daisy phoned me and said she had heard that there had been hippos in Bophelong carrying IFP members but "the boys" had been guarding the township all night. She said that they had come in at 2am and left at 4am.
- I paged Col. Gouws at 10:30 and he phoned back at 11:10. I reported what Daisy had told me. He said he did not understand how Daisy could make such allegations. He did not know where they could be coming from because the

inmates of Kwa Madala Hostel were not being allowed out. He also said he did not know how she could identify the people in hippos as IFP members. He also said that the police had brought in a substantial number of police to stabilise the situation and in fact the inmates of the hostel were "under a kind of house arrest". He said no one would be allowed to leave the hostel until all the investigating officers had spoken to each and every person in the hostel. At the present moment they were searching the hostel thoroughly. He also informed me that an additional 400 policemen had been sent to the area, not only to Boipatong, but to the entire Vaal and they had all the equipment they needed 24 hours a day.

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had been shooting and then pausing before firing the next round. Gunshot could be heard all over the township.

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AGE : 29 YEARS

OCCUPATION : EMPLOYED BY LUNCH BOX IN VANDERBIJLPARK

- On the night of the 17th June 1992, I watched King on television. At the end of King, I prepared for bed.
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NOTE FROM MATTHEW - This witness is extremely reluctant to have her identity disclosed).

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I NTIETSA MOSTER XABA states as follows:

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The two men who were in front of the Hippo screamed the same words : "Imini Yethu" ("Our day"). They then fired shots in the air. I noticed that they had automatic fire-arms and I started running away. I ran to the kitchen door. I knocked but because of the delay I ran towards my shack. I went in and locked the door. I remained seated there. I heard the sound of a Hippo passing. I went out to ascertain what was actually happening. I stopped at the gate and looked to the corner of Thaba Bosiu and Majola Streets. I noticed a group of people at the second house from the corner (towards the Slovo Park - side in Majola Street). The Hippo had disappeared. I could not see it. I then heard fire-arm shots from that group. This group was about 50 strong. The group was dressed with white overalls, some of them had vest's on and others red headbands. They were carrying knopkierie's and fire-arms. There was some movement there and it seems to me that the shots were fired into the air. Somebody shouted "Imini Yetha" (Our day). While there was shots fired, I heard the sounds of Hippo's. I then looked and saw 3 Hippo's moving in a southerly direction in Lekoa Street. I then went back to my shack. I locked the shack and sat down on the bed. I then listened to the fire-arm shots. There was shots all over the location. I heard sounds as if door was hit and people were screaming, I fell asleep on the blankets. I was then woken up by my mother in the morning. I went into the house, I washed and went out. When I looked again where the group was, I noticed many people standing there. I went there. I found that there were some of the people singing. I heard some of the people say "these policemen are the people who are killing us, whereas they say they are protecting us" I went to this house to find out what was happening there. I could not go in because there were many people there. I saw that the window was broken. (This was the second house from the corner belonging to a one Lerobane). I then heard that the woman of that house was shot dead. (We called her Mother Lerobane). Then a Hippo appeared from Bapedi-street. I did not see what these boys did, then I heard fire-arm from the Hippo. When these boys dispersed I noticed that one of them was shot in the ear. When I heard the shot I also ran away. I stopped at the gate of my house. I then saw an ambulance. Which took the person who had been shot on the ear away.

While I was at home, Sello appeared from the corner. I told him that there was somebody that was dead. He said that was not the only person, there are many people dead. I then said we must go around and collect/gather other policemen that were staying in the community, because we had heard that people were complaining about us. We then met and went around looking at these houses. The group consisted of myself, Sello, Ntako, Rundi, Rama (Selo's brother, Sydney and others). We were all policemen. As we were walking in Lekoa street, then a red combi came, full of boys and some of them were carrying fire-arms. Some of them peeped through the windows of the combi and said: "these are the Police of Boipatong and as far as we know the Police are no longer in the location. We must chase these away "They said: "such things (that's referring to us) are not in Sharpeville". These people were strangers and did not reside in Boipatong. They stopped and got out of the combi carrying fire-arms. We dispersed into the crowds. Then it was said that a certain house should be set alight. I then went home. I found my mother. She said here is your brothers fire-arm. He was chased with fire-arms and he ran away. I then went to my brothers house where I found a Police-lorry with the Police. They were busy loading my brother's belongings. I went back home to my shack. My sister came to the shack and said I must lock myself inside it. I heard a noise outside. I could hear that there were many people. When there was no more noise my sister came. She opened the door. I went out and walked into the house. My mother gave me money and said I must go to Sebokeng. I then asked her what those people wanted. She said they wanted me and my fire-arm. She told them that I did not have a fire-arm. They said if there were bullets, she must bring them. While I was inside the house busy changing my pair of trousers, another group of people came into the house, I know some of them. They asked me where the fire-arm was. I said I did not have one. All of them started fighting with me. He said I was stubborn. I said they (referring to this group) did not lend me a fire-arm, otherwise if I had a fire-arm, I would shoot them. Then they said they were going to fetch others who had fire-arms and they will be coming back. A few of them had already taken photo's from the wall (Picture of SAP-training at Maleoskop). They then pointed out Sello on the photo. They said that they knew him and they were going I noticed that they had a list and they said they were to kill him. not yet finished. When they went out of the house I also went out and go to Sello. I then said to Sello we must get to Sebokeng. He then told me that he was also caught at the shop by the same boys. are the comrades of Sebokeng and Sharpeville) who said that we must be set alight. We then left the house and I said to him we must fetch one of our friends who lives near taxirank. His name is Buthelezi. Buthelezi said that he was going to wash first. I then said to him those people are on their way and we are going to leave him. We got into a Taxi. Buthelezi stayed behind. While we were in the taxi this group came and went into Buthelizi's yard. As they came out with him, I saw him pointing at a certain house of a policeman. Then the taxi (Buthelezi was not killed and later on reported to me) We pulled off. got off at the hostel. We got onto the road to Zone 17 Sebokeng. We stayed with Sello's brother.

On Friday the 19th of June I went to Boipatong to fetch some of my belongings. Sello accompanied me. At the Taxirank we were stopped and asked to go to a meeting in Boipatong. This was for the community. Only working people were required there. We then said that we will come the following day when things were calm in the location. We then boarded a taxi up to Houtkop. On arrival we found that the meeting was over - people were leaving. This was a Police-meeting. We then enquired as to what was being discussed. We were told that it was decided that all the Police who wanted to work should come and take fire-arms in order to go and conduct a search in the location (Sebokeng). They said that amongst other things that were discussed in that meeting was that the black policeman were not given fire-arms to carry home where as white policemen were given 3 fire-arms each to carry home. Another matter that was discussed was the death of a Policeman whose death the DK did not know how it happened. Then Mannetjie (brother to Sello) and other soldiers came. He said that we must get into the van and go to Group 17. On arrival there Colonel Vosloo said we must speak freely, we must not fear because he has grown up amongst black people. Then Sello started talking with interpretation by his brother. We were only three. Sello, Sello's brother and myself. (Sello and myself told Sello's brother what we saw on the 17th) Then after Sello I spoke. I had not finished. I was said we must go to the General. On our arrival at VOthere, there were many people as if a meeting was being held. I was then taken to another room to make a statement and Sello was taken to another room. Then Sello's brother left us there and said that we will be taken home by the Police. After making statements we were taken out. Sello told me that one of the white people asked him if he was an AWC member. Then two white men walked past us, and said these people they talk shit. We then asked other white people in the office for transport. We had trouble securing transport but one of CID told us that he will take us up to the Hostel. We told him that we are afraid to go to the hostel whereupon he said he had no access to the location. He then took us up to Hostel. We got off at the stop. We then walked through the Hostel to Zone 17. We arrived safely.

After some days I got a message that some people were looking for me at home. I remained at home in Boipatong until those people came and they took me to Squaddie's house that is situated in Hlubi street. I gave a statement to these people. The persons that were present were Squaddie, Caroline, myself and two white men. They said they were lawyers.

About a week after the massacre a meeting was held by the Vaal Civic. This meeting was held in Ntlapo primary school. They then decided that the houses of the Policemen that were burnt down should be fixed up and that the Police that ran away to town should come back to the location. It was decided that people would be send to tell them to come back. I was present at this meeting. It was also decided that outsiders must come into the location to direct what must be done in the location. Later at Sello's home I received a phone call. a few days later he received a phone call from a person that identified himself as an Inkatha member. Then Sello had to run away to Natalspruit. We were wanted at the Police-station for this case but we did not know where he was.

I must add something else. I heard that if Sello did not turn up, he was going to locked up. I then phoned Sello. He said that he was afraid and he was ultimately fetched by Caroline-group. Then he was called to Vanderbijlpark. I was called to correct mistake in my statement. Photographs was taken of me at home. Then I was told that I just wasted the film.

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